



UTAH REFUGEE EDUCATION & TRAINING CENTER



MISSION

- **To foster opportunities** for refugees to access family-sustaining employment
- **To support refugee communities'** efforts to find appropriate solutions toward integration

Core Partners:



The **Utah Refugee Education and Training Center** is a successful public-private partnership embraced by the refugee communities we serve, who are also engaged in providing services. This is a unique model nationwide, providing refugees with the tools for successful integration by providing support, building access and creating a hub for resources and partners.

Opened doors in
2015

80,000
visits

Hosted more than
5,648
activities

Programming Partners:



25+ Refugee Community Organizations

Center Phase 1:

Higher Wages: Space for people to find family-sustaining employment

- Average current wage of refugee job seekers is \$13.26
- Average post-training wage increased by 54% for training participants

Access Hub: Space for refugees, service providers and the general community to interact

- In 2018, 67 organizations partnered with the center

Refugee Gathering Space: Space for refugees to feel at home and organize community programs and events

- In 2018, 16 refugee community-based organizations were funded, providing 36 programs with 1,526 participants

Center Phase 2:

On-site Commercial Kitchen

- Funds have been raised; the lead partner is Saffron Kitchen, Inc.

Community Event Space: Space for refugee communities to host personal and public events

Global Market and Cafe: Commercial space for refugee entrepreneurs and culinary students to use their skills while providing area residents with international cuisine

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- Utah's unique model for supporting refugees' features:
- Extended case management
- Job skills training
- Utah Refugee Education
- Training Center
- Education and Training
- Utah Refugee



secondary migrants.

who relocate to Utah from another state, referred to as to provide case management support for refugees to government. Asian Association of Utah is also funded families beyond the 90 days funded by the federal to provide extended case management support for arriving refugees. RSO contracts with these agencies

provide initial resettlement services to newly arrived refugees in Utah

Refugee & Immigrant Center

Asian Association of Utah



CATHOLIC SERVICES



The Refugee Services Office (RSO) is responsible for providing coordinated services to refugees in Utah. RSO partners with community agencies to provide integration support for up to five years in areas such as English literacy, job skills training and housing support.

- The largest refugee community resettle in Utah include Somali, Sudanese, South Sudanese, Congolese and Iraqi.
- Approximately 65,000 refugees call Utah home, with the vast majority in the Salt Lake Valley.
- There are approximately 27,000,000 refugees in the world.

Refugees are people who are forced to flee their homes because of persecution on account of their race, religion, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group.



Will be accepted for refugee resettlement by developed countries, including the United States

.05%

less than

refugees in the world

27,000,000

There are approximately

REFUGEES IN UTAH